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TO: FBIS.

cc: C/EPSS

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1. REGARDING THE VARIOUS MESSAGES EXCHANGED BETWEEN [ ] AND [ ] ON THE VAN TO BE USED IN THE [ ] INSTALLATION, THE MORE I HEAR OF IT THE GREATER MY HORROR GROWS. THE FINISHING TOUCH WAS LEARNING THAT WE WILL NEED A CRANE TO HANDLE IT. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THAT MONSTER HERE UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES.

2. JOHN RAE IS EAGER TO HAVE A FULL-SCALE PLANNING CONFERENCE ON THIS AND SO AM I. SINCE [ ] IS COMING OUT SHORTLY, COULD HE BE BRIEFED IN DETAIL AS TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS YOU SEE THEM? I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTRACTING ANGLE. IT WILL BE SIMPLER AND CHEAPER FOR US TO HAVE BBC DEAL WITH THE BIDS AND SELECTION OF THE CONTRACTOR, WHILE WE HANDLE THE PAYMENT (THIS GETS IT OUT OF SOME RATHER LENGTHY BBC CONTRACTURAL PROCEDURES).

3. WOULD LIKE [ ] TO BE PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED ON EXACTLY HOW THIS IS TO WORK. IF YOU AGREE, WE WILL PLAN THE CONFERENCE FOR [ ] VISIT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. RVW 15 JUL 86.  
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